

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA**

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SECURITY CLEARANCE TO BROADCASTERS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has written to the Ministry of Home Affairs suggesting that the security clearance given to broadcasters be made valid for the entire duration of their license; and

(b) If so, the details and the response received thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SHRI MANISH TEWARI)

(a) The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting had vide its letter dated 13.12.2013 requested the Ministry of Home Affairs to consider making the validity of security clearance given to the broadcasters co-terminus with period of permission i.e. 10 years.

(b) The Ministry of Home Affairs vide its letter dated 14.01.2014 has conveyed the following:

"The security clearance for cases of permission to uplink/downlink TV channels can be accepted for 10 years being co-terminus with the validity period of permission. The decision as above is an interim arrangement, which would be superceded by the final outcome on the issue of "Security clearance process/procedure" in pursuance of decision taken during CoS meeting held on 31.10.2013."